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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed concurrently with the filing of a Notice of Appeal and is accompanied by a Petition for an Extension of time for two months and necessary fees.

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